GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA

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NYAYA PANCHAYATS
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether the long-pending Bill for Nyaya Panchayats or Village-level dispute settlement mechanism is ready for legislation;

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposed legislation;

(c) the recommendations made by Baxi Committee on Nyaya Panchayats;

(d) whether the Bill is likely to be introduced in the Parliament during in the current Budget Session; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (e): No, Sir. A committee chaired by the eminent Jurist Prof. Upendra Baxi, ex-Vice Chancellor of Delhi University, has submitted a draft bill on Nyaya Panchayats, in order to provide a sound alternative forum of dispute resolution through mediation, conciliation and compromise at the grass root level which can be institutionalized with community involvement. The preliminary draft bill of the committee is under process of consultation with Central Ministries and State Governments.